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Att. to ER 61-8046

"NATIONAL PHOTOGRAPHIC INTERPRETATION CENTER

In view of recent substantial increases in the volume of significant photographic intelligence data available to the intelligence community and of additional increases expected in such acquisitions, we recommend that the Chairman of the United States Intelligence Board explore the possibility of accelerating the time when the National Photographic Interpretation Center is to become operational (now estimated in April 1963) in its new quarters [REDACTED] 25X1A6D

25X1A6D [REDACTED] Because of space limitations in the quarters presently occupied by the Center, interference with the timely interpretation, analysis and reporting of the increased volume of photographic data is expected. It appears that such interference might be avoided by early occupancy of the more adequate and well-equipped spaces at the [REDACTED] 25X1A6D [REDACTED] with a resulting increase in the rate, scope and timeliness of photographic intelligence products to serve national intelligence purposes."

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1. The Central Intelligence Agency, as Executive Agent, is giving the highest priority to the design and construction on the NPIC proposed new quarters [REDACTED]

2. Completion of plans and specifications are contingent upon finalization of a highly complex systems engineering study. This study, together with the preparation of construction plans and specifications, are in the hands of a single engineering firm and no effort is being spared to expedite completion of the project. The original schedule provided completion of construction and occupancy in August 1963. In collaboration with Public Buildings Service, our Construction Agent, and the Contract Architect-Engineers, this schedule was improved to provide completion in April 1963. This was accomplished by planning construction in two phases, in order that actual construction could start in December 1961, some three months prior to completion of the systems study.

3. On receipt of your memorandum of October 11, 1961, I directed that other avenues be explored which might lead to further savings in time. The Contract Architect-Engineer has agreed that he can provide at an early date plans adequate for a negotiation of a contract to be followed shortly by commencement of construction. Concurrently, he will work on finalization of the detailed plans. Barring unforeseen difficulties, we believe that these extraordinary measures will enable completion of the building three months earlier than previously scheduled, that is to say, January 1963.

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